Physiotherapy and occupational therapy

1885. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether physiotherapy and occupational therapy are separate disciplines;

(b) whether physiotherapist can be in-charge of occupational therapists and *vice-versa;* and

(c) whether the occupational therapist can practise the physiotherapy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy are two separate disciplines and have different training curriculum; and as such, practitioners of one discipline cannot practice the other.

Guidelines to attend the accident victims

1886. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have issued any guidelines to Government Hospitals/Medical Institutions in the country to attend immediately the victims of accidents without waiting for legal medico formalities like F.I.R. etc. from Police; and

(b) if not, the provisions which exist in I.PC. Cr. PC. and Motor Vehicles Act for promptly attending to seriously injured persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) With a view to ensure that accident victims get immediate first aid, instructions, based on the Supreme Court directive were issued by this Ministry to all the States/Union Territories/Central Government Hospitals/Institutions to the effect that all patients whose condition is morbid/serious should be admitted even if beds are not available and have to be paid all necessary attention and in no case the patient will be left unattended for want of vacant beds in the emergency/casualty department.